servation percentage for award of dealerships is as under:

Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST) . . .	25%
Physically Handicapped etc. (PH)	7%
Defence Category (DC) . .	7%
Freedom Fighters (FF) . .	5%
Others (Open) . . .	55%

Increasing demand for LPG connections

3456. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for LPG connections for domestic use is increasing day by day;

(b) what steps have been taken to fulfil the demand;

(c) how many new connections have been given in Gujarat and other States from 1985 to July, 1987, year-wise;

(d) what is the number of persons registered from 1st January, 1986 to 31st July, 1987 in the districts of Baroda, Surat, Broach, Rajkot, Bhavnagar and Amereli;

(e) how many of them have been sanctioned LPG connections; and

(f) how many are on the waiting list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Efforts are being made on a continuous basis made on to augment availability of LPG and necessary related distributorships structural facilities like bottling plants and distributorships with a view to meeting the LPG requirements of the consumers;

(c) The number of customers enrolled during the period from April 1, 1985 to March 1987, in Gujarat and other States were 3,73,389 and 27,97,434 respectively.

(d) to (f) The district-wise details of applications registered and LPG connections released are as under:

District	Applications received from 1-1-1986 to 31-7-1987	Number of LPG connections released from 1-1-1986 to 31-7-1987	Waiting list as on 1-8-1987
Amreli	1533	869	3230
Baroda	84024	35020	48278
Bharuch	39551	14414	11951
Bhavnagar	2856	13564	18553
Rajkot	12359	15358	42733
Surat	86330	36216	67514

Circuit benches of High Courts

3457. SHRI RAMSINGHBHAI PATALIYABHAI RATHVAKOLI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of representations have been received during the period from 1st January, 1981 to 31st July, 1987 from various Bar Associations and organisations for the establishment of circuit benches of High Courts in various States;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;